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**IS A TICKLEISH CASE**

Should Supreme Court Decide Unrestricted Indians Lands Cannot Be Taxed Legal Mess Would Ensue.

Whether or not the state can legally collect taxes on the unrestricted lands of the Cherokee Indians will probably be decided by the supreme court at an early date, arguments on the case having been made and the case submitted. The final action of the court will be awaited with interest.

The state contends through the attorney general's office that it has a legal right to collect taxes on the unrestricted land, on the ground that with restrictions removed the land should be treated as if it had passed entirely out of the pos-

with restrictions removed the Indian can dispose of the land and that as there is no obstacle in disposing of the land there should be nothing to prevent the collection of taxes. While the restrictions were not removed the state could not and did not try to tax these lands as it was well understood it could not be done.

When the restrictions were removed, however the Indians had the privilege of selling the land. Immediately it came into the possession of another, of course it became subject to taxation of other lands. But the state went on the theory that with restrictions removed the land should be treated as if it had passed entirely out of the pos-

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Thousands of dollars in taxes have already been collected by the state on these lands and should the court hold against the state, that these lands cannot be taxed, an interesting condition may be presented. There would necessarily be a refund of taxes. Suits would have to be brought. There is no way by which the state can be sued now. It is suggested that suits would have to be brought against the counties, and then the counties in turn could hold out from the state future taxes enough to reimburse them. Whether this can be done remains to be seen if the occasion presents itself.

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The conservation of natural gas in Oklahoma is of far more interest to those in this city than the conservation of oil, although they favor the enforcement of the law as it stands. It is of the greatest importance to every city and town in the state now using natural gas to save it. The commercial bodies of these cities and towns are showing an interest that is most commendable.

**MEANS HALF MILLION****TO THE GUARANTY FUND**

The supreme court did not hear arguments today in the case of the Farmers and Merchants National bank of Cushing on a rehearing relative to the right of the state to collect deferred payments of 5 per cent as assessment against state banks for the guaranty fund. The bank was formerly a state bank and nationalized. It had not finished paying the 5 per cent assessment made against it and the banking board brought suit to collect it. The supreme court in a recent decision held in favor of the state. The case involves a large number of banks in the state and about \$600,000.

**FIRE RUGS ATTEMPT TO BURN BRIDGES, IS BELIEF**

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 29.—Fires, believed to be of incendiary origin started nearly simultaneously early today in the Cambie and Granville street bridges connecting the business and residential portions of this city.

Some police officials admitted a theory that the fires were part of a plot to burn the city.

At the great Connaught bridge at Cambie, the damage was estimated at \$300,000. The fire at the Granville street bridge a mile away, was extinguished quickly.

**FACTORY GAS NOW POSSIBLE**

Conservation Law Offers Plan For Augmenting Factory Facilities Here.

**BIG MEN ARE NOW FIGURING**

Members of the Chamber of Commerce as individuals are discussing the new oil and gas conservation law passed by the last legislature and believe that the law is of particular significance to Oklahoma City as well as to other parts of the state. Oklahoma City is more particularly interested in the conservation of gas.

It is likely that the movement to pipe gas into Oklahoma City for commercial use will be gotten in a short time.

This will be done by another gas field is found close to the city as the Cushing field. The idea was evolved at the time the Cushing gas was being blown off at a terrific rate about two years ago and other pipelines got to the field first and the gas went elsewhere. The fact remains that enough gas was blown off at Cushing to have supplied all the factories, packing plants and other commercial institutions in this city for the next five or ten years.

It was a proposition that should never have been permitted to arise, said William Moe, president of the Security National bank. The Cushing field is close enough to pipe the gas more profitably and a pipe line bringing it for commercial purposes would have stimulated manufacturing in Oklahoma City as nothing else would have done.

**Commercial Bodies Take Note.**

It is understood that commercial organizations in several cities of Oklahoma propose to take steps for the encouragement of the corporation commission in the enforcement of the law to conserve natural gas. This indicates that Oklahoma is fully aroused on the subject. Heretofore it was impossible to do anything except to deplete the waste of gas and knowing that millions of feet were being blown every day did not help matters. The law was defective and the conservation of gas could not be enforced under its provisions. Now that the state has a law that can be made effective such cities as can use the gas and have an interest in its preservation propose to see that it is preserved.

Smaller cities in the state are now asking for the use of natural gas for domestic purposes and its use will be stimulated in many places if it is known that the law will be enforced and gas will no longer be wasted.

Before the law was passed it was impossible to interest capital in any proposition to pipe gas to the smaller cities if they were a considerable distance from the removal. The mains cost from \$5,000 to \$7,000 a mile for piping gas to a community as large as Oklahoma City. The cost would be less if gas is taken piped to a smaller city, but men with money to invest have held back because they believed the gas in the larger fields would be blown off in a few years, leaving them with useless mains in their hands.

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**Former State Treasurer Continues to Resist Effort to Compel State to Pay on Warrants Issued to Farris.**

Reminders of the old Oklahoma Rock warrants, which have caused no little trouble in the last few years, will probably never cease. Not for some time at least. Today Robert Dunlop, former state treasurer, appealed to the supreme court from a judgment of the Oklahoma county district court which issued a writ of mandamus on the state treasurer in favor of the Wilkite Hole bank of this city for the payment of two warrants, with interest, amounting approximately to \$500.

The warrants had been issued in the first place to Giles W. Farris, former state printer, and Seth K. Gordon, at one time secretary of the state election board, now deceased. The bank bought the warrants and afterwards presented them to the state treasurer for payment. The warrants, it was contended, did not show on their face that there was anything wrong with them, and the bank insisted they should be paid. The treasurer refused payment and application for mandamus made in the district court to compel their payment. The court issued the writ. Afterward on request of the defendant the judgment was vacated to allow a resubmission of the case. Again the court held to its former judgment from which the treasurer perfected an appeal to the supreme court.

Many of the Red Book warrants were questioned and some may never be paid. The state spent several thousand dollars more than it should have been compelled to pay the Red Book, Giles Farris, while state printer was impeached by the 1913 legislature, and since that time that office has been consolidated with the board of affairs.

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